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Via Electronic Filing and Email

Mr. David Butler  
 Chief hearing Officer  
 Public Service Commission of South Carolina

RE: *Application of Daufuskie Island Utility Company, Inc. for Approval of an Increase for Water and Sewer Rates, Terms and Conditions, Docket No. 2014-346-WS*

Dear Mr. Butler:

Pursuant to Order 2021-15-H, a third hearing on second remand is scheduled in this matter for March 2, 2021. Prior to that date, the Parties are required to prefile additional testimony on or before February 16, 2021, and February 24, 2021. See Order 2021-15-H, entered February 4, 2021.

In anticipation of the hearing and in good faith attempts to resolve the remaining issues in this matter, the Parties have been engaged in negotiations aimed at reaching a settlement that all parties can jointly present to the Commission for approval. Timing of completing negotiations and seeking approval of the Commission is integral to the process envisioned by the working settlement terms.

The Parties' hope to come to terms and present to the Commission a settlement agreement with proposed order as soon as is practical. The Parties envision jointly requesting expedited review of the settlement and entry of an approval order prior to March 1, 2021, so that DIUC may implement the negotiated rates for services beginning March 1, 2021.

Accordingly, the Parties hereby jointly request that:

1. The Commission hold the upcoming testimony filing dates in abeyance so the Parties may continue to attempt to reach a settlement in time for an expedited hearing and order of the Commission prior to March 1, 2021;
2. If the dates are held in abeyance as requested, the Parties will update the Commission on or before noon on Wednesday, February 17, 2021, regarding whether a settlement has been reached;
3. If the Parties reach settlement prior to noon on Wednesday, February 17, 2021, then a copy of the settlement agreement will be filed with the Commission along with a request

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that the Commission schedule a brief Settlement Approval Hearing in ample time for entry of a decision of the Commission prior to March 1, 2021;<sup>1</sup>

4. In accordance with Commission's preferences, the parties could prefile brief testimony in support of the proposed settlement along with a joint proposed order and any other information or drafts required by the Commission.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,

/s/

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<sup>1</sup> Alternatively, if the Parties do not reach a settlement prior to noon on Wednesday, February 17, 2021, then updated deadlines and hearing date(s) would be appropriate.